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## New U.S. border boss welcomed

**HOMELAND SECURITY** If you're a Canadian traveller planning a vacation south of the border or a CEO whose company depends on U.S.-bound exports, learn the name Janet Napolitano. Napolitano is U.S. president-elect Barack Obama's choice to serve as the next secretary of homeland security, the sprawling U.S. government agency responsible for safeguarding America and its borders. The self-styled workaholic faces a confirmation hearing today in Washington. Observers are expressing confidence that the 51-year-old lawyer will herald a new, more pragmatic approach to border security.

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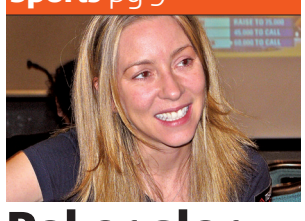

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Pickup hockey

**Winter fun with friends**

Andy Olvet, second from right, enjoys a game of pickup hockey with friend Charles Lee, right, and others yesterday at the Kew Gardens outdoor skating rink in the Beaches.

# Bankruptcy move new low in Nortel nosedive

**CEO Mike Zafirovski's hopeful tune about Nortel Networks Corp. sounded more off-key than usual yesterday after the telecom equipment maker filed for bankruptcy protection, marking what observers said could be the final chapter in Nortel's long fall from grace.**

Despite an extensive restructuring plan that included thousands of job cuts and a refocusing of the business, the former Motorola Inc. executive failed to work his turnaround magic at Nortel as the once high-flying firm finally succumbed to a changing industry and the ongoing financial crisis.

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A security guard walks outside Nortel's corporate headquarters. Nortel filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday.

Nortel and its various subsidiaries sought protection from creditors yesterday in both Canada and the U.S. just before a $107-million US interest payment was due.

But while Zafirovski described the move as though it was just another phase in Nortel's retooling, the decision to seek court protection followed a failed bid for a government bailout and has some observers speculating the storied Canadian company will ultimately be blown apart and sold off in pieces.

"We needed to act now while we have sufficient cash to fund our ongoing operations," Zafirovski wrote in an e-mail.

"High debt levels, a high cost structure, and certain historic costs ... — compounded by the current economic crisis — significantly reduced our options."

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### Ottawa lifeline

- In Ottawa, federal Industry Minister Tony Clement offered up to $30 million to help Nortel restructure and emerge from bankruptcy protection.

## No sign of train? Here comes the e-alert

A new TTC e-mail alert system notifying riders of delays and service interruptions is the latest step in providing the kind of transit service Torontonians expect, says TTC chief general manager Gary Webster.

TTC riders can now go to ttc.ca and sign up for e-alerts that will tell them about trouble on the subway or Scarborough RT.

The alerts, which can be customized to a particular stop or station, will be extended to surface routes later this year.

Riders will get information on delays and system malfunctions so they can decide whether to take a different route, a different mode of transport or delay their trip.

Webster says such services are in demand as riders become aware of transit technology advances elsewhere.

"Customer expectation is different today. (They) want all the bells and whistles that are everywhere in the world," he said.

TTC e-mail alerts will focus on interruptions that last 15 minutes or longer. Later this year, the service will also be made available as text messages for cellphone users without Internet access. Riders will be able to see which parts of the system are affected and whether shuttle buses are running. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### More

- An online trip planner that will allow riders to plan their route using the same real-time information will launch this summer.

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**Superintendent accused of stealing from tenants**
The superintendent of several downtown Kingston Road apartment buildings is accused of stealing money, jewelry and electronics from tenants' apartments. John Shorey, 39, of Toronto, faces several charges, including eight counts of break-and-enter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Local

## Observatory to learn its fate today

**Just six months after it was sold to a developer, the David Dunlap Observatory, which once made Canada the envy of the astronomy world, is already showing signs of neglect. The dome, which opens up to reveal the optical telescope, still the largest of its kind in the country, hasn't been in use for months. But the ultimate fate of the 77-hectare observatory lands rests with the provincial Conservation Review Board, which begins a hearing on the property today.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## Tomorrow's Metro

### Movies

Look for the review of Hotel For Dogs — an adaptation of the Lois Duncan novel of the same name about two orphans who take in stray dogs at an empty house.

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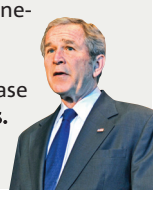

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# Riders GO-ing nowhere

**GO Transit is still looking for answers as to why thousands of commuters were left shivering on platforms during yesterday's morning rush.**

More than 50 trains were delayed and seven cancelled because of switch and signal failures before 11 a.m. GO trains carry between 1,600 and 1,950 passengers each, depending on whether they are 10 or 12 cars long.

The chaos came a day after GO spokesperson Vanessa Thomas offered assurances that GO was prepared for this week's forecast deep freeze.

GO initially blamed many of yesterday's problems on the Lakeshore East line on work being done by CN, which owns large sections of the GO track.

CN confirmed the cause of the delay but it was unclear if GO was not made aware or did not react in time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Millions spent to prevent delays

- GO has spent millions installing hot-air blowers on about 150 switches to melt snow and ice that causes them to fail, including 56 this season, at a cost of about $75,000 each.
- It also pays for maintenance and other costs on CN-owned track.

## Credit city on lead water test: Expert

**SAFETY** An expert on drinking water says Toronto deserves praise for specifically testing older homes for lead, even if the results are troubling.

Provincially mandated testing of 100 homes last summer and fall found more than half exceeded the acceptable level of lead in drinking water

"Credit Toronto for not being afraid to take a look at these homes," said Robert Andrews, of the University of Toronto's civil engineering department. "That way you can notify those homeowners about replacing their lead service lines and take other positive steps."

Toronto found 52 homes were above the safe level of lead for drinking water. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Obama Rubbing elbows with superheroes

PLANET MAURIE PHOTO

**Amazing Spider-Man #583, featuring a story about U.S. president-elect Barack Obama, hit the shelves of North American comic book shops yesterday. George Zotti, manager of a comic shop in Toronto, says his store sold out in 20 minutes. Inset: Alternate cover featuring Obama.**

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## Shelter beds not filled despite cold

**WEATHER** The city has added more than 160 shelter beds because of the extreme cold, but only about half were filled on Tuesday, officials said yesterday.

Outreach workers in three vans — instead of the usual one — approached about 40 people between Tuesday night and yesterday morning, but only six individuals and one dog accepted a ride to the city's assessment and referral centre, which allocates beds, said Patricia Anderson of the Shelter Support and Housing Administration.

Despite the lack of interest so far, the higher number of beds and outreach vans will continue until the city calls off the cold weather alert, which began Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## News in brief

**SCHOOL BOARD** Toronto's troubled Catholic board will choose a new chair next week — but the provincial supervisor in charge gets the final say in the wake of last year's spending scandal. Current chair Catherine LeBlanc-Miller and Trustee Angela Kennedy are vying for the job. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE


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**Orangeville man pleads guilty in Ponzi scheme**
Norman Webb, 61, from Orangeville has pleaded guilty to running a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors of nearly $200,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Going on the grid

## Oakville revamping transit system

**Growth and changing travel patterns, including more cross-regional trips, are behind a complete makeover of Oakville's bus service planned for this year.**

The town, which has traditionally planned its routes for GO commuters using the Bronte, Oakville and Clarkson stations, is moving from the existing radial route design to a grid-based system this fall.

While the existing system is great for GO commuters, it doesn't work that well for getting across town, says transit director Barry Cole.

"Right now, a route will start at the Oakville GO station and go up Trafalgar Road, and then it will branch off into one of the residential or commercial areas and do a circuitous routing and end up back on Trafalgar Road and go back to the GO station — like the spokes to a wheel," he said. "With the grid service what you'll have is service operating east-west the full length of the town on Dundas, on Upper Middle, on the Speers-Cornwall combination and on Lakeshore, and those will also serve GO stations at both ends of the route — except the Dundas one that will go up to the South Common Mall (in Mississauga)."

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### Big boost

- With the $1.5-million boost to Oakville Transit's $20-million operating budget, annual service will increase by 20,000 hours.

## Cities asking for $13B help

**MONEY** Municipalities across the country have drawn up a wish list for projects whose total cost exceeds $13 billion, and they're hoping Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver on a big chunk of them in his budget.

"There is no time to delay. The present economic crisis demands a quick and innovative response," said Jean Perrault, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, yesterday. "Our goal is to put people to work."

His group issued a report yesterday outlining more than 1,000 shovel-ready projects that could begin immediately if Ottawa chips in. Flaherty will present his budget Jan. 27.

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## News in brief

**DEATH** Shara Flanigan, a worker at a Ford parts plant at Dixie Road and Steeles in Brampton, was killed yesterday when some stock being moved fell on her. Police have cordoned off the scene and have gathered witness statements to determine what happened. The Ontario Ministry of Labour will be taking over the lead in the investigation.

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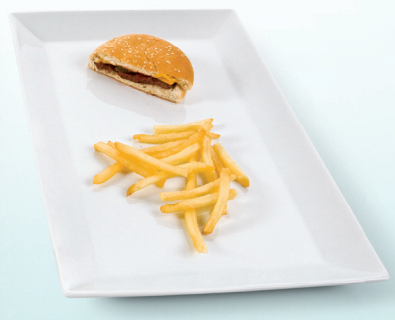

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**Governor General visiting Haiti**
Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean is returning to the land of her birth, Haiti, for a four-day visit beginning today. Jean plans to visit several new humanitarian aid projects in the disaster areas of Les Cayes and Ennery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Longer wait for Tory

**Voters in the cottage-country riding where Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory, left, hopes to get elected will have to wait a little longer for a byelection date. The vote won't be set right away so other parties can prepare for the political race in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday. The Liberals have yet to confirm if they will contest the byelection.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# United for economy

## Premiers, PM meet to combat recession

**Hope and action. That's the tonic provincial premiers are hoping to deliver to worried Canadians when they gather today for a critical two-day meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.**

The economic turmoil has united premiers who head into the meeting pledging a spirit of co-operation with Ottawa as they look for possible remedies to ease the fallout of the recession.

Those remedies include support for big-ticket spending on infrastructure projects, extending benefits for unemployed workers and a pledge to knock down domestic trade barriers.

"I think one of our biggest challenges as we come out of the meeting on Friday is to send a message of confidence to Canadians ... and we're working with them at this difficult time," B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell told the Toronto Star.

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### McGuinty's take

- Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said the first ministers' meeting "is a magnificent opportunity to influence the next federal budget."

## Rhetoric from Gaza rallies called shocking

**NEWS CONFERENCE** Protesters at rallies in Toronto and Montreal condemning Israel's military actions in Gaza engaged in anti-Semitic rhetoric so vile that the organizers of those demonstrations must unequivocally denounce the remarks, prominent Canadian Jewish groups said yesterday.

The Canadian Jewish Congress held a news conference to show video clips and photographs of the rallies they said should "shock all Canadians."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## B.C. Five killed in reserve fire

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**Gilbert Frenchy Jr., left, listens as his parents, Elizabeth and Gilbert, are overcome with emotion yesterday while speaking about the five people, including a child, who were killed in a house fire on the Chemainus First Nations Reserve near Ladysmith, B.C.**

## Most back low inflation, interest

**SURVEY** A new poll suggests most Canadians want the government to avoid major tax and spending initiatives and focus instead on keeping inflation and interest rates low. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey asked what the best approach for the economy would be as the federal government prepares a budget for Jan. 27: Tax cuts, investment in infrastructure, or working to keep interest rates and inflation down. A plurality in all regions — 43 per cent overall — preferred the last option. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**CORRECTION** An incorrect date for an event appeared in a Learning Curve article in Tuesday's paper. Family Literacy Day happens on Jan. 27. The world record attempt is on Jan. 23 to celebrate Family Literacy Day, an event organized by ABC Canada. Metro regrets the error. METRO TORONTO

**French doctors acquitted in growth hormone case**
A French court acquitted six doctors and pharmacists yesterday in the deaths of at least 114 people who contracted a brain-destroying disease after being treated with tainted human growth hormones. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# World

## Madoff remains out on bail

**Disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff has won the latest round in his battle with prosecutors over his bail package. A judge allowed Madoff to remain free yesterday, turning back an appeal by federal prosecutors. The judge said prosecutors failed to make a compelling argument that he's a flight risk or a danger to the community — the two main requirements for bail decisions.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Egypt mediates Gaza ceasefire

## Official expresses optimism

**Egypt and Hamas were negotiating a proposal for a 10-day ceasefire in Gaza, officials said yesterday, as the Palestinian death toll in the war passed 1,000 and smoke from Israeli air strikes rose over Gaza City's devastated streets.**

Egyptian and Palestinian officials said they hoped to seal Hamas' agreement on a temporary halt in fighting, which would be presented to Israel for approval. Key uncertainties remained for a longer-term deal under which Gaza's borders would be open and Israeli troops would withdraw.

The officials provided details of the deal on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the Egypt-Hamas talks. But Egyptian officials also expressed public optimism that a deal was likely.

> **"We're working with Hamas and we're working with the Israeli side. We hope to reach an outcome soon."**
> Hossam Zaki

"We're working with Hamas and we're working with the Israeli side. We hope to reach an outcome soon," Hossam Zaki, a spokesman for Egypt's Foreign Ministry, told the British Broadcasting Corp.

A Hamas spokesman said he also believed an agreement was possible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Italy **Mafia arrest**

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**Top mafia fugitive Giuseppe Setola is taken into custody yesterday by Carabinieri paramilitary police officers after they arrested him in southern Italy. The mafia fugitive narrowly eluded arrest this week by fleeing though sewer systems. Investigators say he masterminded a bloody turf war between rival groups.**

# Pilot's odd disappearance ends with Florida arrest

**MYSTERY** With his world crumbling around him, investment adviser Marcus Schrenker opted for a bailout.

However, his plan to escape personal turmoil was short-lived.

Marcu Schrenker

In a feat reminiscent of a James Bond movie, the 38-year-old businessman and amateur daredevil pilot apparently tried to fake his death in a plane crash, secretly parachuting to the ground and speeding away on a motorcycle. But the captivating three-day saga came to an end when authorities finally caught up to Schrenker at a north Florida campground where he had apparently tried to take his own life, said Alabama-based U.S. Marshals spokesperson Michael Richards.

Schrenker was taken into custody after officers from the U.S. Marshal's office in Tallahassee, Fla., found him at a campground in nearby Quincy, Richards said. He was in a tent with a slashed wrist when they arrived. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **News** in brief

**JIHAD URGED** Osama bin Laden urged Muslims to launch a jihad against Israel and condemned Arab governments as allies of the Jewish state in a new message in response to Gaza fighting.

**SENATE** Impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich yesterday began presiding over the swearing-in of a new Senate that will decide in a matter of weeks whether to throw him out of office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

# Eulogy for coalition

### Tactic had a short, happy life in response to Tory ineptitude

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Canada & world insight

There is important news from Quebec this week. Gilles Duceppe, the leader of the Bloc Québécois, says that reports of the death of the coalition are greatly exaggerated.

He denies that it has been weakened by the surprising emergence of Michael Ignatieff as interim Liberal leader. And he has been unfazed by a poll that shows more Canadians would prefer an election than a coalition government.

So he thinks the coalition is solid, sensible and viable. No one should ever say that Duceppe doesn't have a sense of humour.

The coalition? Do you remember the coalition?

It was created by the Bloc, the New Democrats and the Liberals before Christmas. It was a smart response to the government's ineptitude — from its paralysis on the economy (no stimulus, no deficit) to ending public subsidies for political parties (bankrupting the opposition).

It had a short, happy life, the coalition did, and it served its purpose brilliantly. It unified and mobilized the opposition against an arrogant government and forced its retreat. It humbled Stephen Harper, if that is possible.

It forced the intervention of the Governor General, who allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament and avoid a vote of non-confidence that he would have lost. And it forced the Liberals immediately to oust Stéphane Dion, cancel their long leadership race and crown Ignatieff. Not bad.

**"It unified and mobilized the opposition against an arrogant government and forced its retreat."**

But that's history now. Today, six weeks on, if Harper were to seek an election from the Governor General — rather than have her request that the opposition parties form a government — he would get an election that he would probably win.

But Harper also knows the risks of an early election. He has hurt himself in Quebec, leaving an opening for a reinvigorated Liberal party. That's why he has reversed himself so dramatically on the economy, preparing a strong stimulus package with a swelling deficit.

This won't be enough for Duceppe, or for the New Democrats, who have the luxury of opposing it. But it will be more than enough for Ignatieff, the hawks in his camp notwithstanding.

The Liberals will support the Conservatives, the budget will pass, and the government will govern. The Liberals will begin to renew themselves, which will take time.

The coalition was always more a tactic than a strategy, a spicy Christmas confection, but it's now as dead as Jacob Marley.

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## Views

# Mother and daughter relationships – revised

**Georgie Binks**

Is it my imagination or are there more mother/daughter duos out there these days who more closely resemble daughter/daughter teams? The only way to tell them apart is by their foreheads. Mom's brow is firm, courtesy botox, while her daughter can still scrunch hers up in displeasure.

With nips, tucks, workouts, hair colouring and a lack of great clothes for women over 50 (so we borrow our daughter's), young women have to feel their mothers breathing down, not just theirs, but their boyfriend's necks. In my day, unless your mom was Mrs. Robinson, your boyfriend fantasized about her baking, not her.

One of my girlfriends, 57, who works out, sports a great hairdo and cool wardrobe, boasts, "I love when I'm with my 30-something daughter and they think we're sisters — even better if that happens with my 21-year-old."

Naturally, daughters can't stand it. Drop dead gorgeous, Samantha, 21, says, "Guys told me all through high school they loved my mom and it really bothered me."

My own daughter, 21, après one too many sister remarks, snaps, "What? Do I look like a 50-year-old woman?"

So what's a mom to do? Cancel the gym membership and embrace her outer greyness? No, says Dr. Karyl McBride, author of Will I Ever Be Good Enough? Healing The Daughters Of Narcissistic Mothers. "If a mother takes good care of herself and doesn't age as much, she can be a good role model for her daughter."

Just because you look like her best friend, don't try filling the role, cautions McBride.

"These days, mothers and daughters share information about dates and sex. It isn't appropriate. A daughter needs to be able to look up to the mother as the parental figure."

Recently, I read that Kate Hudson had felt intimidated by her mother Goldie Hawn when she was younger. Most of us aren't as successful or as gorgeous as Goldie, so, hopefully, our daughters wouldn't feel that way, nor would we want them to.

In my own house, officially there's no competition. However, my daughter, unofficial winner of the swimsuit competition, is now taking me on professionally, which I did not see coming. Recently, I told her a story idea of mine, and she told me she was going to write about it for her school newspaper.

Shocked, I told her, "You can't. It's my idea."

"Don't you know you never tell another reporter your story ideas?"

There's only one way to win this, I figure.

Wait until those great new jeans are all alone in your closet and you're out. We're the same size after all.

Just like sisters.

Georgie Binks is a freelance writer who writes for newspapers, magazines and websites.

## Letters

**Auto bailouts can address real systemic changes**

In further comment on the ridiculously excessive executive salaries, as Canadians we need to be asking how and when this folly can be amended.

A recent event where potential for some redress of these ballooning paycheques is the auto industry bailouts.

Perhaps a reasonable model of modesty in executive compensation could be extended to other public arenas, such as school boards, hospitals, transit authorities and financial institutions. So why have Stephen Harper and Dalton McGuinty not seized this opportunity to establish clear guidelines for exactly how this auto sector bailout money be used? Aren't these extreme inequities and enemies of Canadian prosperity and unity worthy of attention?

The Canadian public is entitled to more than the lip service we have been given.

This has been and still has the potential to address some real systemic changes to how business is done in Canada for the benefit of all Canadians and not just a privileged few.

KEVIN BROWN, TORONTO

**Making consensual polygamy illegal infringes on civil rights**

I'm not a polygamist. Frankly, one wife is more than enough for me. But I don't think it should be illegal.

It's a way of living that goes against our country's dominant religious moral beliefs, but that's no reason to make it illegal. Hopefully, that law will go out the door like so many other antiquated laws that go against our civil rights, like the now abolished laws against interracial marriage in the United States, or the continuing debate against gay marriage.

It's true that some polygamous relationships have been abusive, but so are quite a few monogamous relationships. We already have laws, help lines and services to deal with these horrible situations.

I don't see what making consensual polygamy illegal does, other than infringe on people's civil rights to live their lives according to their religious or cultural beliefs.

GIAN MANCUSO, TORONTO

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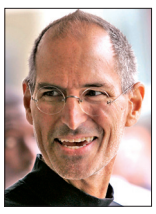
## Apple CEO Jobs takes sick leave

**HEALTH** Apple Inc.'s CEO Steve Jobs is taking a medical leave of absence until the end of June, saying his health issues are more complex than he thought. Last week, Jobs said he had a hormone deficiency that had caused him to dramatically lose weight.


Steve Jobs

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## China's economy third largest

**WEALTH** China's economy grew to the world's third largest in 2007, behind only Japan and the United States. But China's 1.3 billion people are, on average, among the world's poorest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Stimulus won't avert recession

## Recovery next year: Think-tank

**Not even massive infusions of government spending and tax cuts will keep Canada and the United States out of recession this year, says the Conference Board of Canada.**

The Ottawa-based think-tank says Canada's economy tumbled into recession at the end of 2008 and will continue to shrink through the first half of this year — for three negative quarters of growth.

The slide will end in the final two quarters of 2009 as the U.S. economy rebounds, but not enough to avoid an annual contraction of 0.5 per cent in the Canadian economy, the first since 1991. True recovery won't occur until next year, the board said.

Meanwhile, 175,000 Canadians will likely lose their jobs this year as layoffs mount and hiring freezes, the meltdown in commodity prices and plunging home values eat away at Canadians' incomes. In addition, business profits and investment will crash, and both federal and provincial budgets will fall into sizable deficits, the economic research group said.

The Conference Board had been among the most optimistic forecasting groups and had projected a 1.5 per cent growth rate for Canada this year as recently as its autumn outlook. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Gloomier

- Several banks have projected GDP falling between one and 1.5 per cent this year and few see the economy recovering as quickly or sharply in 2010 as the Conference Board.

# What went wrong at Nortel?

With a market capitalization of more than $350 billion US nine years ago — more than the combined market values of Microsoft and Google today — few would have predicted Nortel Networks's descent to penny-stock status today. The stock fetched just 12 cents at yesterday's close on the TSX.

Founded in 1895, Nortel's glory days were in the late 1990s when an estimated 75 per cent of the Internet traffic in North America was being carried on Nortel equipment.

Then came the tech wreck. Nortel issued more than $20 billion in shares to buy a slew of start-up telecom companies that turned out to be money losers, contributing to major writeoffs by Nortel in later years.

By 2001, Nortel was already dying. Nortel's hiring binge in the 1990s took total employment to about 95,000 just as demand for its telecom gear was about to plummet as carriers slashed spending.

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### The act

- The CCAA is a federal act that gives struggling corporations 30 days of protection from their creditors while they try to restructure their businesses.

## Business in brief

**MEDIA** Canwest Global Communications Corp. dangled the possibilities of asset sales and more cost cuts yesterday after warning it is at risk of breaching some conditions of its loans because of the deepening economic slump. The media giant — which also posted a $33-million loss for the first quarter — saw its shares lose as much as 40 per cent of their value yesterday before rebounding slightly to close down 35 per cent at 52 cents on the TSX. Canwest owns the Global television network and Canada's biggest chain of newspapers.

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# Sports

## No Viagra needed for high

**Brazilian soccer clubs Palmeiras and Gremio denied they are thinking about giving their players Viagra to combat oxygen depletion during upcoming matches in high-altitude locations. Viagra, or sildenafil citrate, suppresses an enzyme that regulates blood flow and allows vessels to relax and widen.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# No Mercy: Quebec woman dumps law for poker

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**She is 5-foot-2 and maybe 100 pounds, but she is a fireball who burns with rage and, frankly, you don't want to mess with her.**

At the poker table, where she ranks as one of the planet's top five female players, Canadian Isabelle Mercier is fiercely determined to kick your butt — figuratively, of course. Mind you, as a trained kick-boxer, there are no guarantees she will refrain from hoofing your backside literally, as well.

"Fact is, Isabelle scares men," Tori Coxon, chief spokesperson for the wildly successful, multibillion-dollar PokerStars business, says matter-of-factly. "She's tiny, yes, but she's incredibly aggressive, competitive and very intimidating."

Isabelle Mercier gave up a law career for a more lucrative poker career.

And somewhere along the way, this diminutive dynamo from Victoriaville, Que., picked up the nickname "No Mercy." And, well, you get the picture.

"I really think," Mercier says, "that I was born to play a game for a living. I always played games. I played card games with my parents when I was six. I live to play and win. Poker isn't only my job. It's my passion."

And she's good at it. Since finishing second at the Masters Classic in Amsterdam in 2002, Mercier has quietly earned hundreds of thousands of dollars and, according to poker sources, has reached millionaire status — to the point where she recently decided to stop living out of a suitcase.

"I got myself an apartment in Monaco," she reveals. "It's a beautiful place. I'm financially set for life. I'm happy."

It wasn't always like this. Mercier used to be a lawyer. Yes, she gave up her job as a full-time lawyer to become a full-time poker player. After obtaining a law degree at the University of Montreal, she practised commercial law in the city for six months.

And she loathed every second of it.

"It was horrible," she recalls, grimacing. "It was boring. I hated it so much that I'd spend hours in the washroom, sleeping. Every day."

Did her legal background help prepare her for poker?

"Maybe," she says, "but I learned much more about competing from my kick-boxing days."

PokerStars became so enamoured of the hard-nosed brunette and her style that it hired her as an ambassador.

At 33 and single, she appears publicly in that role and plays against challengers at pokerstars.net, the world's largest online poker room. She also has written a book called Profession: Bluffer. The French version is out; the English version will be published soon.

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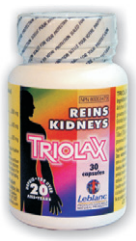


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# Rose buries Raps in fourth

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CHICAGO BULLS vs RAPTORS

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Chris Bosh is fouled by Andres Nocioni last night.

**Rookie Derrick Rose had 17 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 102-98 win over the reeling Toronto Raptors last night.**

Rose added 10 assists in one of the freshman's best performances of the season, helping the Bulls (17-22) end a two-game losing streak. Luol Deng added 16 points and 16 rebounds and Andres Nocioni chipped in with 16 points off the bench for Chicago.

The loss spoiled a big night for Raptors centre Andrea Bargnani, who erupted for a career-high 31 points in defeat. Chris Bosh had 25 points while Anthony Parker added 15 and Jamario Moon 11 for Toronto (16-24), which has dropped three in a row.

Trailing 71-68 entering the fourth, the Bulls went on a 9-0 run to open the quarter. The Raptors were once again without starting centre Jermaine O'Neal (knee) and point guard Jose Calderon (hamstring). O'Neal missed his ninth straight game, though he could be back in the lineup by the end of the week. Calderon sat out for the sixth time in the past seven games, but may also be close to returning.

They sorely missed O'Neal's presence up front against the Bulls, who outrebounded Toronto 41-31 and finished with 44 points in the paint compared to 26 for the Raptors. Chicago shot 48.8 per cent while the Raptors finished at 47.3.

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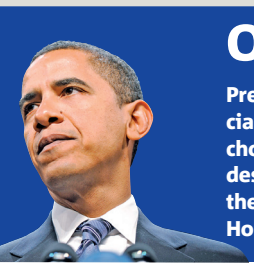

## Obama's house

**President-elect Barack Obama's officials confirm that the Obamas have chosen Los Angeles-based interior designer Michael Smith to decorate the private quarters of the White House.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Elegance meets the artistic

**Suite Talk**

JOSEPHINE LIM
for Metro Canada

**The artistic and urban vibe of Liberty Village was the inspiration for designers Bryon Patton, Enid MacIntosh and Lorraine Leung, in Plazacorp's King West condominiums.**

"(It's) a lively area, artistic and very creative," says Macintosh, a designer with Bryon Patton & Associates.

The team of designers designed two model suites for the condominium, one as a one bedroom plus den and the other with two bedrooms and a den.

The one-bedroom features a light, clean and minimal palette focusing on the colours of ivory, white, and aqua, says Patton, president of Bryon Patton & Associates.

"I would call it sunny," says MacIntosh. "It's a happy suite and it lifts your spirit, a little Hollywood glamour and bright and fresh."

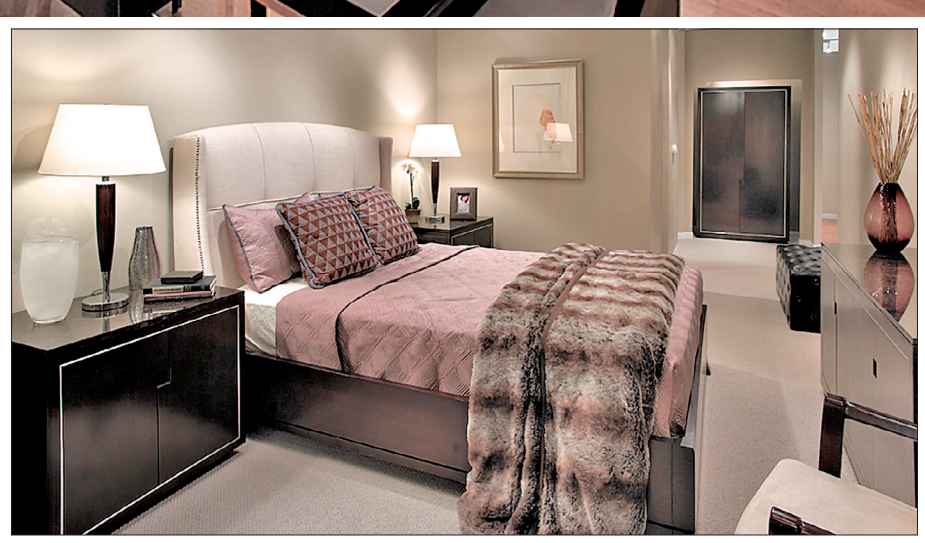
While the other, Patton says is gives off a vibe of warm and elegant, but with a bit of pazzazz. It emphasizes warm wood tones with polished metal accents blending together clean lined modern pieces.

These two different looks were done on purpose.

"You can compare and contrast them and see the different moods," says MacIntosh. "They're two distinct looks to show that you can decorate two different ways and use the same sort of background."

The main feature of the suites, MacIntosh says, is the amount of space for furnishing potential, larger than what many places offer. Both also feature a gel fireplace with a real flame, yet they only releasing water.

The model suite is open for the public to see throughout the week with the exception of Thursdays and Fridays. Suite sizes range from 496 to more than 1,400 with prices starting at $204,900.



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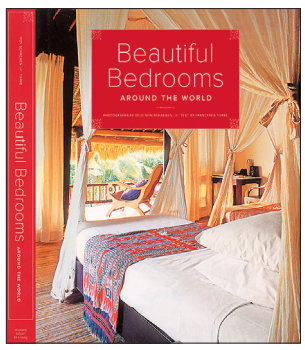


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# A mantel makeover

## Home decor experts flex their muscle above the hearth

**Retailers from some of Toronto's hottest home decor stores where asked to take a classic Georgian-style mantel and accessorize it. The result? Some stunning vignettes full of great decorating lessons.**

We focus on the work of Terese Sears and Arminé Tatosian, owners of at design group (atdesignhome.com). "We buy pieces we'd love to have in our homes," says Sears. They had no shortage of items to choose from in their stores.

"We kept things simple," says Tatosian. "It's easy to get carried away and use too many items." Clean-lined boxes contrast with shapely squirrel ring boxes for a playful effect. "Since the mantel is traditional, we thought it would be fun to introduce (some) whimsy."

Large urns bookend the mantel and contain the display. "The cherry blossoms add a natural element and make the symmetry of the urns more interesting," says Tatosian. "(The mirror) reflects the room and brings it together in one focal point," says Terese.

–WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY LAUREN FLANAGAN

Terese Sears and Arminé Tatosians, below, kept everything simple with their mantel makeover.

VIRGINIA MACDONALD

# We love it! Online finds by the editors at Style At Home

**Oh, the weather outside is frightful — so why not shop from the comfort of home? Style At Home staffers choose their favourite online sources for accessories.**

**Gail Johnston Habs, editor in chief:** "Ordering coffee capsules and barista-worthy accessories is simple, and they arrive in no time at all — failproof espresso, cappuccino or lungo has never been easier or tasted better." Pictured: Classic Lungo Cup and Saucer $29 for a set of two, Lungo finezzo capsule $0.58, nespresso.com.

**Laurie Grassi, executive editor:** "Love the eco aspect of everything that Green with Glamour carries. And as chic as all the accessories are, the sexy Camisole lamp is particularly gotta-have-it, with real lace covering the base and a low-energy-draining three-way LED light." Pictured: Lightenup Design Camisole Lamp, $630 US, greenwithglamour.com.

**Jenn Houlihan, assistant editor:** "eBay is one of my preferred places to search for hard-to-find vintage items. You can peruse accessories (like this superstylish 1970s phone I just picked up) from sellers all over the world in your PJs! Love it." Pictured: Sculptura Handbag Push-Button Telephone, $53 US, ebay.ca.

**Lauren McPhillips, senior editor:** "My favourite way to accessorize is to stack stylish books on tables, chairs and pretty much anywhere else there's space. I can spend hours scouring Chapters and Indigo Books & Music online for beautiful books." –BRETT WALTHER

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STACEY BRANDFORD

# Take everything into account when defining your entryway

**Q We'll be updating our flooring to a midtone laminate. Should there be a tiled area by our front door? What would look and wear best? Also, any suggestions you have for dealing with coats and footwear would be appreciated.**

**— Erica L., Saskatoon**

**A** I'm usually a fan of continuous flooring, especially throughout a small open-concept space. However, I think it would be smart for you to have tile in your entrance area. Tiling will not only mean more durability and mopability than laminate, but will also help define an entrance vestibule where there isn't one.

For inspiration, check out this photograph of the entry in the house that designer Sarah Richardson renovated for the first season of HGTV's Sarah's House. Stone tile runs from the front door (not seen) to the area in front of the closet and butts up against the wood floor.

I think you should splurge on real stone. Since you'd need only a small quantity, the cost wouldn't be prohibitive, and it would create a smashing first impression.

As for coats and boots, perhaps there's room for an armoire to the right of the door that could function as an entry closet.

**Margot Austin, senior design editor, Style at Home**

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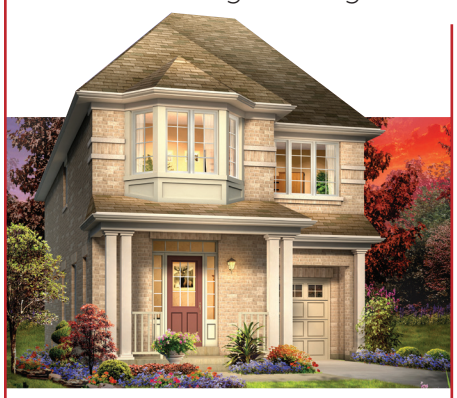

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# Home decor amidst a recession

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

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With all the doom and gloom economic forecasts for 2009, home decor predictions are wildly divergent. Will home decorators decide to paint their homes brightly to dispel the gloom, or will they simply avoid spending any money on home décor?

The nation's ailing financial health has impacted people's well-being in many different ways. But one thing is clear: You can't control what happens outside, but in your home, you are the boss.

And it doesn't have to be expensive. You can rearrange your furniture and pick up accessories from thrift stores, or you can visit expensive designer shops for selected items.

So in the spirit of the times, and with an eye to new trends, here are some decor 2009 suggestions.

If you're looking for inexpensive, freshening up with a coat of paint is one of the least expensive decor updates you can do. And many decor forecasters are calling for a return to safe neutral colours on walls, with bright vibrant shades as accents. This way, you can switch around your accessories and fabrics without too much effort or cash needed to coordinate.

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Brightly coloured accents bring lightness and cheer into your home at a time when the outside world may feel grey and depressed. Citrus shades of orange, red and yellow may be the just the thing for those of you who are feeling down. For an example of this approach, check out IKEA's bright orange kitchen cabinets in its new 2009 catalogue.

Or you may go to the other end of the spectrum and turn your home into a sanctuary, an oasis of soothing and calming design, colour and sound as an antidote against the struggling world outside. Think earth tones and natural materials. Living responsibly and selecting items that have been harvested and constructed with due diligence for the state of the earth and the workers who produce the goods can help to put the mind at ease as well.

But if you need a new look, consider buying snazzy accessories instead of spending piles of cash on new furniture or carpets. These relatively inexpensive additions, such as vases, sculptural objects or throw pillows can really add a pop of interest, and change a non-descript décor into one that shines.

And speaking of pillows and throws, check out the over-the-top designer pillows that are appearing. These pillows are going in the direction of designer clothing, with belts, buckles, buttons, sequins, pleated or intricately folded fabric and metallic paints.

Perhaps we need a touch of glamour or decadence in tough times. If you like this approach, the trick is to outfit your place with a few well-placed luxurious accessories, rather than spending on big-ticket items. Elaborately decorated pillows and other luxurious touches can add a feeling of elegance and glamour, a la Hollywood in the '30s or '40s perhaps. Think sumptuous shiny fabrics and shimmering finishes, such as bedspreads or throws draped over the sofa. Just don't overdo it, or you may end up with a living space that exudes a bordello-like vibe.

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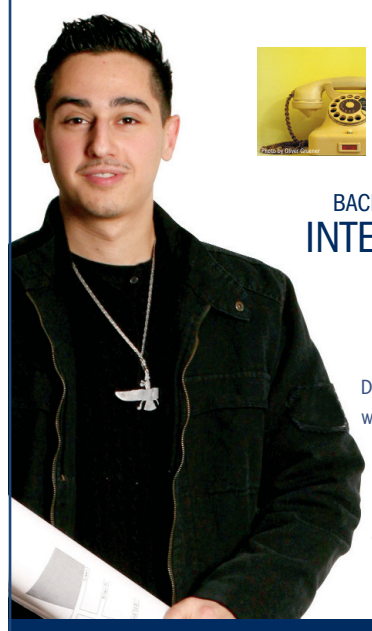

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## Survey says

**What we'll see less of in 2009 — a survey:**

- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Oversized, overstuffed furniture
- Furniture in solid, striped and patterned combinations
- Granite and stainless steel countertops
- Sticking to one style of furnishing, like country or traditional
- Dark coloured walls

**What we'll see more of in 2009 — a survey:**

- Neutral wall colours
- Eye-popping citrus shades such as orange, yellow or coral are popular as accents
- Bamboo flooring
- Glass tiles
- Metallic finishes on fabric and wallpaper
- Bright appliances
- Laminate countertops;
- Eco-friendly furnishings and appliances in general;
- Contemporary styling combined with pared-down versions of traditional furnishings, like chairs and chandeliers
- Harmonious mix of décor styles in furniture and accessories to reflect the owner's tastes rather than any one particular style
- "Luxe" fabrics and accessories to introduce a glamourous feel

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# It's a buyer's market, even for sellers

TheHunt

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While 2009 is still in its infancy there is one trend that seems to be making itself prevalent.

The most common occurrence to sweep the very early stages of this new year has involved moving from downtown to one of the GTA's suburbs. You see, many of those buyers that purchased downtown area condos sometime between 2005 and early-to-mid 2008 have reached the next stage of their lives, which means the time has now come for them to upgrade, as visions of wedding bells and white picket fences begin dancing in their heads.

The reason this trend has seemed to take on steam as of late is because many of these same Torontonians have begun to really understand what this buyer's market is all about. Take Amy and David for instance, who currently own a condo in the downtown core. Originally they were quite disheartened to realize that the recent economic troubles have dropped the value of their condo from $300,000 to $285,000. Selling for $15,000 less was, at first, a very good reason to put their lives on hold. What Amy and David both soon realized, however, was that while the price of their condo has in fact tailed off, so too has the price of that dream home of theirs, in Oakville. What really put them into a happy frenzy was when they realized that while their modest $300,000 condo had dropped only $15,000, that gorgeous Oakville home had dropped from $550,000 closer to $500,000. So they're actually in a better position to make the move now than they had been previously. This same realization has been revealing itself to many of Toronto's condo owners.

If this trend continues to gain momentum, eventually those most popular suburbs, like Oakville for instance, should see a stabilization of prices at the very onset of the market's return to prominence.

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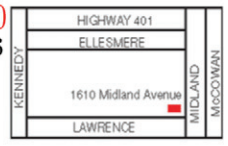





# Always background check trades people

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**Q In our previous house we had some work done by a licensed electrician that started in the fall of 2006. Work proceeded and we paid him as we progressed but at a snail's pace. In February of 2007 we lost contact with him entirely and proceeded to search for another electrician to complete the work, which at that stage was simply a whole lot of tiling to fill in the where he had not finished the job. The quotes we received were for almost as much as we had paid him to the point of his departure, so my father and I took it upon ourselves to complete the job (lots of hours and frustration). In the meantime, we received a letter from the Electrical Safety Authority that our electrician had been working while suspended. We have now received an invoice from him late in 2008 for $700 to complete the work that he never completed. What is your advice?**

A First of all, I have to give you kudos for completing the work and I trust that the work you completed, did not involve electrical work except for cosmetic applications. It raises a concern that I see on a weekly basis in my real estate practice. Trades people lying about their qualifications or the status as that type of specialist. The first source I would turn to when hiring a trade person is their governing authority that looks after their industry. They will gladly provide a list of qualified (and up to date) practitioners.

The dishonesty and failure to communicate are also common problems with hiring trades people. For some reason, there seems to be a disconnect between the home owner and the hired hand; especially after they have signed on the dotted line and the job has commenced.

Considering the length of time since the bulk of the work was done and the e-mailed invoice for $700, I would send back a correspondence indicating that he did not complete his contractual obligations and therefore you owe him nothing (you had to take time off work and extra energy to complete what he should have done). Ensure your communication is firm but polite. Nasty letters only prompt unwarranted small claims court actions (even if the claim is unwarranted).

**P.S.** I have to stress here that there are a lot of very competent and entirely dependable trade people out there. The trick is finding them.

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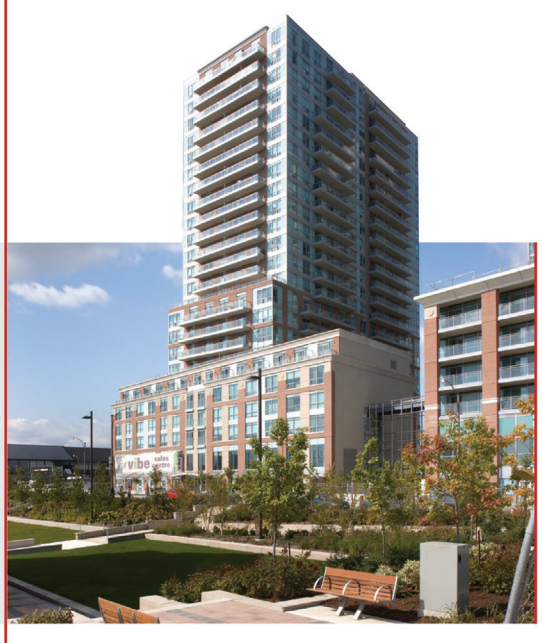

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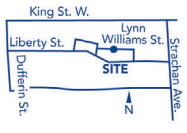


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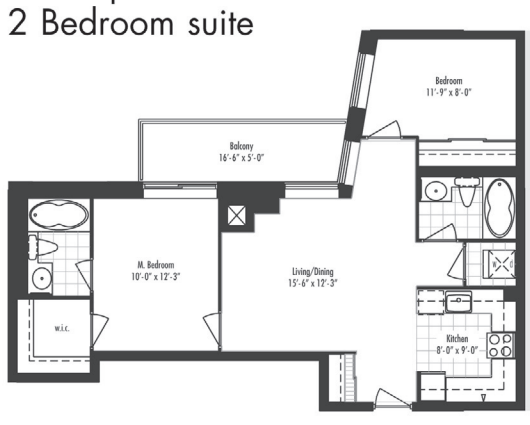


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# Food

*"A Good Catch by Jill Lambert culled recipes from Canadian chefs, from a Taco Trout Bake to Grilled Swordfish with Forbidden Black Rice and Soy Emulsion."*
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# Not always more fish in the sea

À la carte

**Barb Holland**
Metro Food Writer

When we eat fish, are we making good choices for healthy oceans? SeaChoice, Canada's Seafood Guide is available at seachoice.org.

**Many of us are eating more fish and seafood for its health benefits, but are we making good choices for healthy oceans?**

**SeaChoice, Canada's Seafood Guide, is a handy wallet card that lists categories such as Best Choice, Some Concerns and Avoid for all fish and seafood. For a copy of the guide, go to seachoice.org and carry it with you to help make sustainable seafood choices when shopping or eating out. Due to sometimes inadequate labelling, be prepared to ask questions: Where is it from? Fished or farmed?**

**A new book by Vancouver-based writer, Jill Lambert, A Good Catch, Sustainable Seafood Recipes from Canada's Top Chefs (Greystone Books/Douglas & McIntyre), $25, provides insight and information. It begins with a discussion about fish on making good fish decisions, choosing, preparing and storing fish and seafood; basic cooking directions and a quite extensive Species by Species Sustainability Guide (done by the David Suzuki Foundation and SeaChoice Canada).**

## Salmon and Edamame Salad with Wasabi Mayonnaise

From Karen Barnaby, The Fish House in Stanley Park, Vancouver, this easy salad calls for canned salmon. Look for wild Pacific salmon as the Best Choice. Makes 4 servings.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 can (7 oz/213 g) pink salmon, well drained
- 1 cup (250 m) shelled edamame (fresh soy beans), cooked and chilled
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely diced celery
- 2 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) mayonnaise
- 2 tsp (10 ml) wasabi paste (or more to taste)
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sesame seeds, toasted, for garnish
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) julienned fresh ginger, for garnish

**METHOD:**
In a bowl, combine salmon, edamame, celery and green onions.

In another bowl, combine mayonnaise and wasabi paste (to taste). Gently fold into salmon mixture. Cover and refrigerate to allow flavours to blend, about 30 minutes.

To serve, divide salad between four plates and garnish with sesame seeds and ginger.

**Tips:**
- Edamame are green soybeans usually found frozen in pods or shelled. Cook according to package directions, usually about 4 to 6 minutes in boiling water. Drain, rinse and remove beans from pods.

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## Comfort wines

While I've never needed any added incentive, the recent blend of crappy weather and an even crappier economy have surely been enough to drive even the most determined teetotaler to drink.

With the way the world's spinning lately the search for wines that combine a decent price with drinkable juice isn't just a quest for the thrifty — it's a necessity for almost everybody.

In times like these I look to my list of comfort wines; those that wrap my palate in consistent familiarity without picking my pocket.

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# Presidential peach cobbler

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"I do have to put in a plug for their peach cobbler, which people tend to gobble up pretty good," Obama said of the dessert at Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop. That 2001 episode of Check Please! never aired, but with interest in all things Obama surging, the tapes recently resurfaced. Dixie Kitchen owner Carol Andresen said the cobbler is served with whipped cream, but vanilla ice cream works well, too.

President-elect Barack Obama has sung the praises of this Peach Cobbler from a diner in his Chicago neighbourhood.

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### Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop Peach Cobbler

Makes 10 servings.

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3.75 l (15 cups) frozen peaches (about seven 284-g/10-oz bags), thawed and drained
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) granulated sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 rounded tsp) cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) nutmeg
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) peach juice (juice drained from the frozen peaches is fine)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, cut into small pieces
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) shortening
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, cut into small pieces
- 75 to 125 ml (1/3 to 1/2 cup) ice water

**METHOD:**

Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Lightly coat a 3.5-l (9-by-13-inch) baking pan with cooking spray. Arrange peaches in an even layer in prepared baking pan. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together granulated sugar, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Whisk in peach juice until smooth. Pour mixture over peaches. Sprinkle butter over top. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour and salt. Add shortening and butter, then use a pastry blender or gloved hands to work them into dry ingredients until mixture forms pea-sized lumps. Slowly add water, adding enough and mixing only until dough holds together. Do not overmix.

Place dough between 2 sheets of parchment paper. Roll out dough into a rectangle slightly large than baking pan and about 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick.

Remove top sheet of parchment paper. The dough then can be cut into strips and woven into a crust over cobbler (this is the method preferred by Andresen). For an easier crust, invert crust onto baking pan and carefully peel off parchment paper. Trim crust to fit just inside edge of pan. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until the crust is golden brown. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

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# Poverty gets the boot

## Celebrities help kick off 13th annual Ron White shoe drive

JOSEPHINE LIM
for Metro Canada

**Oscar winner Jeremy Irons and Olympic gold medalist Adam van Koeverden were among the stars gathered at the Ron White flagship store at Bloor and Bay recently to give poverty the boot.**

They, along with fashion designer David Dixon, singer Suzie McNeil and Broadway star Louise Pitre, kicked off the 13th annual Shoe Drive for the Homeless last Thursday.

Each of them autographed a pair of gently worn shoes and donated them to the Canadian retailer. They will be displayed during the drive, from Jan. 8 to Feb. 15, and after that will become a part of the Ron White collection.

The shoe drive collects footwear at all six Ron White store locations in Toronto and Oakville. Shoes are cleaned, sorted and then distributed to the homeless.

COURTESY OF RON WHITE

Celebrities who attended the Ron White shoe drive kick off included (left to right) actress Louise Pitre, Citytv's BT host Dina Pugliese, designer Ron White, musician Suzie McNeil, radio broadcaster Billie from Mad Dog and Billie, and Olympian Adam van Koeverden.

Ron White, the CEO and creator of Ron White shoes, came up with the idea after walking past a homeless man sitting on the ground near his Yonge and Eglinton store.

"What you do when you're in my business is you look at their eyes, then you look at their feet," says White.

"I saw his toes and they were actually popping out of the end of his shoes and it was snowing. When I looked there was actually a snowflake that landed on his big toe. I thought, 'This guy is going to get a frost bite.'"

### Store locations

Donate your gently worn shoes at these locations:
- 2465 Yonge St., Toronto
- 25 The West Mall, Toronto, Sherway Gardens
- 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Manulife Centre (flagship and boutique located here)
- 2901 Bayview Ave., Toronto
- 162 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville

Last year, White collected his all-time record of shoes at just over 2,000 pairs and this year he's aiming for 2,500. To date, they've collected about 16,000 pairs of shoes since the drive began.

And the current economic situation isn't dampening his spirit.

"This charity and this event is perfect," says White. "We're not asking for money or their cheque book to be open. Kick off the new year fresh and go clean out your closet and look at your winter shoes."

## Biddell designs for Winners

**ECO DESIGN** Next Tuesday Winners will introduce a limited edition reusable shopping bag designed by Evan Biddell, the winner of the inaugural season of reality TV series Project Runway Canada.

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As Project Runway's grand winner, Evan Biddell, 24, won a retail mentorship with Winners. The Saskatoon, Sask., native spent a week with the retailer learning about the "business of fashion."

Season Two of Project Runway Canada will air on Global starting Jan. 27 at 10 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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**Ricardo Montalban dies**

Ricardo Montalban, the Mexican-born actor who became a star in splashy MGM musicals and later as the wish-fulfilling Mr. Roarke in TV's Fantasy Island," died yesterday at his home, a city councilman said. He was 88. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Entertainment

## Her big gig

**Jennifer Hudson will sing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl in what will be her first performance since her family murder tragedy last October.**

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# Evolution of the jam

## Gym Class Heroes stitch together diverse sounds

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Gym Class Heroes blend hip hop, rock, R&B, soul and funk on their latest album, The Quilt.

**Imagine an album that stitches together musical genres, multi-generational guest-stars and pop-punk style, and you have The Quilt.**

On that album, Gym Class Heroes (GCH) play out like a poppier Roots: A jam-band fronted by a rapper but that aims at the Fall Out Boy demographic. Hip-hop purists hear the band's guitars and drums, while the pop-punks focus on their raps. But no matter the milieu, the band doesn't tailor their performance to the crowd.

"We don't play differently, but are perceived differently," said drummer Matt McGinley. "At the end of the day, whether it's rock, hip hop, R&B, soul or funk, all the influences we find within ourselves come out when we play."

As with any group that wears influences squarely on both sleeves, GCH must tackle the ensuring debate: Is their music original or derivative? McGinley, when asked if he thinks artists are comfortable wearing their influences proudly, said that's true to a certain extent.

"It's all about being inspired and influenced by somebody — (and) to be using (these influences) in new and creative ways, rather than being obvious," he said.

When the band started out 10 years ago, McGinley was drawn to jazz and funk percussion, while founding member Travis McCoy delivered his verses through raps. McGinley learned to play drums to ?uestlove's work on The Root's album Things Fall Apart, and the duo looked to that group's innovative approach to rap music and ability to jam out their songs.

"We didn't set out to be a hip-hop band — we were just kids who wanted to make noise in our parent's living rooms. Over the years we moved towards that kind of sound," said McGinley. "It's cool to be able to showcase your musical chops and abilities as a band … but it's all about what can enhance the song."

### In concert

- Gym Class Heroes play the Air Canada Centre tonight with Lil' Wayne, Keyshia Cole and T-Pain.

For example, in the seven-minute long Live Forever, Darryl Hall laid down a really long, freeform outro.

"(Darryl was) assuming we would fade it out at reasonable length of time, but we thought it sounded cool, so why not let him kill it," said McGinley.

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# A.C.'s guilty streak

## A.C. Newman

**Album:** Get Guilty
**Label:** Last Gang Records
**Rating:** ◍◍◍½

**IN THE WORLD OF** Canadian indie darlings, A.C. Newman maybe the darlingest. The hogtown hipsters are already atwitter about this second solo release from the creative light behind the New Pornographers. But let's keep our feet on the ground. This is not an earth-shaking epic that is going to change the face of alt-rock. It is a charming, intelligent little album with roots squarely in the '60s English psychedelic scene, offering up nods to acid-era Donovan Leitch, Syd Barrett and early David Bowie. No reason to disband the New Pornographers, yet.

**Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada**

## Cale Sampson

**Album:** Self-Titled
**Label:** Heads Connect
**Rating:** ◍◍½

**TORONTO-BASED RAPPER** Cale Sampson is jumping into an increasingly growing pool of Canadian hip-hoppers. With k-os, Kardinal and K'Naan dominating the rap scene north of the border, can Cale make his mark? His new self-titled double disc — one's called Album; the other side's named Demo — is filled with basic rhymes and some odd lyrics. His last track, Shout Outs, thanks everyone in his life by name, which is cute for the first verse, but grating after four minutes. Still, the simplicity works, especially the catchy, repetitive choruses. If he fine tunes his formula, he might be able to join the crowd.

**Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada**

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## Entertainment in brief

**MUSIC** It's been five years since their last tour but Stevie Nicks says chemistry is still strong among the members of Fleetwood Mac. Nicks says they're gelling as they prepare for their Unleashed tour. She says the magic is still there and they're excited to get back on the road.

**TV** Paula Abdul, declaring her loyalty to American Idol, denied criticizing the reality TV singing competition show on which she is a judge over airtime given to an alleged stalker. "I am a big fan of the show. I am blessed to be on the show. It's the greatest show on television all around the world." An estimated 30.1 million people in the United States watched the season debut of American Idol on Tuesday night, making it the most-watched prime-time show of the American TV season so far.

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# A lesson in social and political classes

Movie **feature**

KEVIN COURRIER
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**We're all familiar with the concept of making it up as we go along. For film director Laurent Cantet though, the approach is practically a way of life — or, at least, it's a way of making movies.**

His new picture, The Class (Entre les murs), which won the prestigious 2008 Palme d'Or at Cannes and seems a shoe-in for an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Film, is full of the spirit of improvisation, and presents an intriguingly complex social and political mosaic.

"I try to take a risk in reconstituting the incongruity of life," Cantet remarked. That incongruity involves loosely adapting a book by French school teacher Francois Begaudeau about how this dedicated, idealistic instructor tried to teach a diverse group of students from various social classes and cultures. The results were as diverse as the students themselves.

In The Class, Begaudeau plays Francois Martin, a version of himself, while Cantet casts a number of non-actors to play the students. What Cantet provides is a facsimile of documentary realism that remains dramatically potent. But the book and subsequent script became just a starting point for his story.

"In life, situations are very often less logical than a script purports life to be," Cantet explains. "So I try to bring some order into all of this."

After meeting Begaudeau while on promotional tours, Cantet read his book and immediately admired his zeal.

"I liked the way (Francois) was pushing the students to think about what they were doing and why they were at school and what their life there was about," Cantet remarks.

"Both of us saw the classroom as a microcosm from which you can go into the rest of the world."

For the students, the international acclaim of the picture has been edifying. "They were happy that they were being listened to without being judged or stigmatized," he says.

"Francois' ideal is to help his students grow and establish a level playing field," Cantet remarks. "It's wonderful to have these ideals — but life always intervenes."

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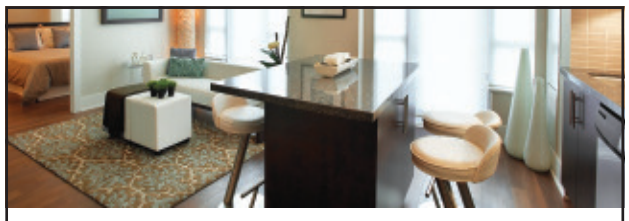
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# It's back to the Gong

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**I'M WITH STUPID:** There might be something in the social and cultural air that will explain the return of The Gong Show, but I'm actually a little afraid to bother tracking it down. The original show debuted on NBC, while the new show is a product of Sony Pictures Television and Adam Sandler's Happy Madison productions, and airs on the Comedy Network starting tonight.

All I do know is that the original show, featuring host and producer Chuck Barris, hit the air in 1976, when I was 12 years old, and unemployment was hovering around eight per cent in the U.S. (It was 7.2 per cent last month, so draw your own conclusions; all I know is that the last thing we need right now is a return to toe socks and double live albums).

The original was a hit, especially during its second season, when it ran in what was once known as the "after school" slot at 4 p.m., and featured guest judges that included Steve Martin, David Letterman, Jamie Farr and now-a-footnote Jaye P. Morgan. It made "celebrities" out of Gene Gene The Dancing Machine and The Unknown Comic, and gave child actress Andrea McArdle the national exposure that got her cast as Annie on Broadway.

The new judges include Andy Dick, a Sopranos cast member and Brian Posehn from the Sarah Silverman Program, who had the one really great line of the first show: "I had to give him a good score because he reminds me of my dungeon master." And for fans of the original show, it got the ball rolling with an act that shamelessly echoes The Popsicle Twins, the act that supposedly killed the original show. You felt like a moron when you watched the original show; you do with the new version, though since so much TV today evokes the same feeling, you'll probably hardly notice.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## In brief

**LAWSUIT** American Idol is suing a Texas strip club over its Stripper Idol contest. FremantleMedia North America, which owns the popular TV show, says the contest is a trademark violation that could mislead the public to think the show sponsors the event, The Dallas Morning News reported.

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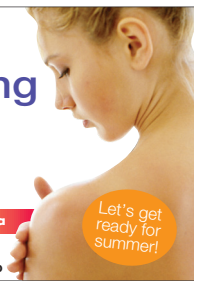


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| | | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | Friends | Friends | *Shadow Conspiracy* ★ (1997, Suspense) Charlie Sheen. | | | | Family Guy |
| | | 576 | 582 | 49 | BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | *Soul Plane* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold. | | | | American Gangster (N) | | Judge Hatchett |
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| | | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | *Just Business* | (7:20) *Another Cinderella Story* (2008) | | | *Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten* ★★★ (2007) | | | | *Babel* |
| | | 305 | 612 | 306 | PIX | *Best Bad* | *Montana Moon* ★★ (1930, Western) | | | *The Quest* ★★ (1996, Action) | | | *Prom Night IV: Deliver Us* | |

## critics' corner

**The Gong Show With Dave Attell**
The classics never die, but some of them should. It was a great day when CBS resurrected the classy "Password." The return of this tacky amateur show? Not so much. In the 1970s, it was a way for those who thought they had talent — or knew they didn't but just wanted to be on TV — to get their 15 seconds of fame. With the reality-TV explosion, however, there are gazillions of ways to score that face time, rendering this show a cheesy and occasional sleazy anachronism. 10:30 PM on COM

**The Nature of Things**
March 24 will be the 20th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and as the new episode "Black Wave: The Legacy of the Exxon Valdez" reveals, the people of Prince William Sound are still feeling the effects. The massive cleanup effort and the compensation paid to fishermen weren't enough; it appears only a time machine could restore the environment and the economy to what they were before the accident. 8 PM on CBC

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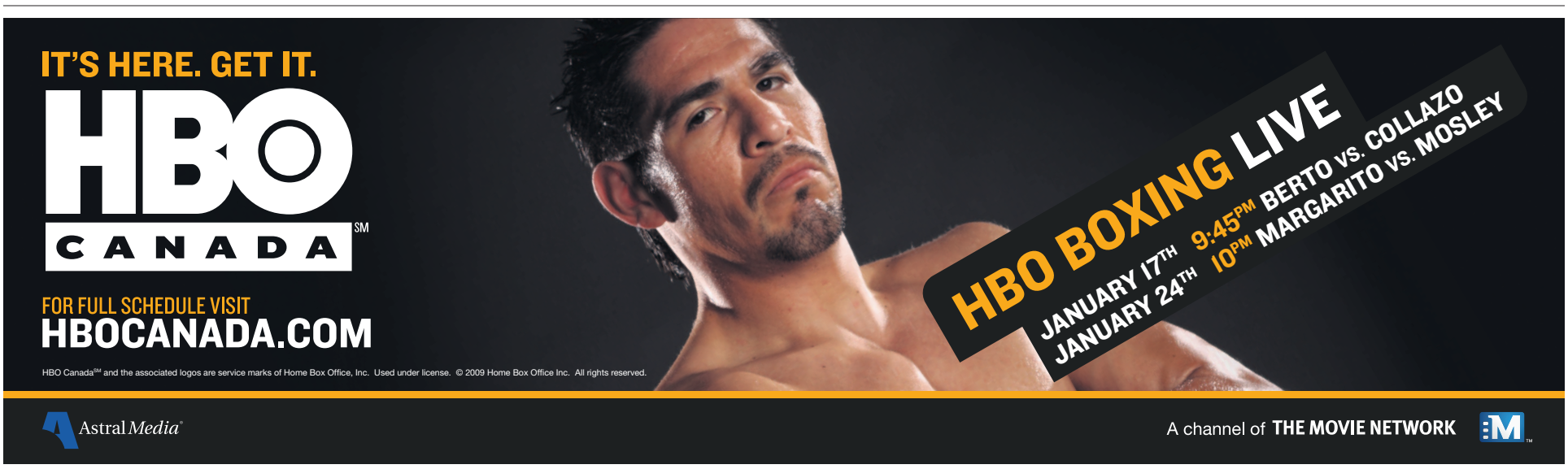

**Baldwin the broadcaster**

Alec Baldwin has landed a job as a radio host. He has been offered the role as host for the New York Philharmonic's national radio broadcasts. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Celebrity Buzz

## Kanye's unlikely style inspiration

**FASHION** Kanye West has revealed his fashion inspiration: Gay men, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website says an old video clip of Kanye has been unearthed and in it the rapper reveals that he often checks out what gay men are wearing.

"Gays really know how to dress," he states. He also reveals another source of inspiration: "I feel like Japanese dress really good too."

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## Heche has the baby boy blues

**BABY** Anne Heche has offered some blue clues of the gender of her baby, people.com reports.

At the Boom Boom Room Children's Gifting Wonderland in Los Angeles, the actress chose a pair of Robeez Guitar leather booties in pastel blue, a dozen blue Happy Heinys reusable diapers and a blue MiGi baby blanket, the website says.

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# Kate's body gets rave Hollywood reviews

**PEOPLE** Oprah Winfrey is proud of Kate Winslet's real golden globes, usmagazine.com reports.

"I love the fact that you have real breasts, 'cause in all the breast scenes, your breasts do what real breasts do," she said Tuesday on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

"There's that wonderful thing, you know, if you are a woman, you're lying on your back, your breasts they go to — they part — but if you look at a woman with not real breasts, their breasts are sticking straight up," she told the actress, who won two Golden Globes Sunday.

"That's how you know. God bless your real breasts!"

Halle Berry also finds Winslet stunning: She recently remarked that "Kate Winslet is always naked, sitting on a toilet, or running buck naked. I want to be the kind of actress who can really be comfortable with my body like that."

"That's so amazing," Winslet — who bares it all in her new drama The Reader — recently told Parade. "That is worth the pain! I am thrilled to hear someone like Halle say something like that. But what I would want to say to her is, 'Well, you can,' because all I do is say, 'I don't give a —!'"

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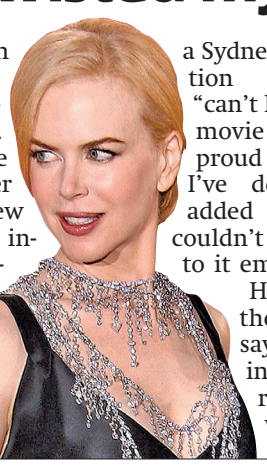
# Media twisted my words: Nicole

**MEDIA** Nicole Kidman claims the media has twisted her words, femalefirst.co.uk says. After reports that she is unhappy with her performance in new movie Australia, she insists that her comments have been hugely misinterpreted.

The star said in an interview with a Sydney radio station that she "can't look at this movie and be proud of what I've done." She added she couldn't "connect to it emotionally."

However, the actress says she was in fact referring to her whole body of work and not just this production. She claims that she can never bear to watch herself on screen.

A representative for the actress told Australian newspaper The Sydney Morning Herald: "It is quite ridiculous for anyone to believe that reports if they listened to the actual interview. It's hard to believe some of the world's media have fallen for it."



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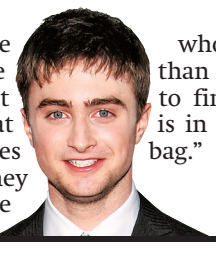
# No love for U.S. theatre audiences: Daniel

**CAREER** Daniel Radcliffe blasted U.S. theatregoers, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor — who is currently appearing in the Broadway play Equus — says American audiences are noisy, rude and have no respect for the arts.

The star said: "I would like to initiate an initiative, the Broadway Annoying Audience Member Relocation Programme, so we can lose the people whose phones ring more than three times, that have the kind of throat condition which causes them to cough like they have consumption, those who take more than 10 seconds to find whatever is in their plastic bag."



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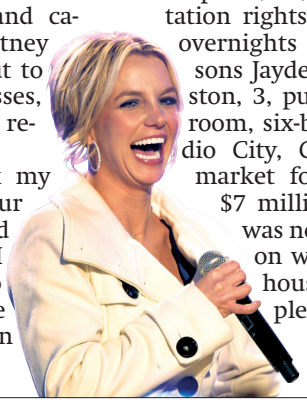
# Britney moving on up

**PEOPLE** With a new outlook for her life and career, Britney Spears is about to change addresses, people.com reports.

"I just took my babies to our new home and they loved it! I can't wait to move in," the pop star says on her website.

Spears, 27, who has visitation rights — including overnights — with her sons Jayden, 2, and Preston, 3, put her six-bedroom, six-bathroom Studio City, Calif., on the market for more than $7 million US. There was no official word on where the new house is, people.com adds.



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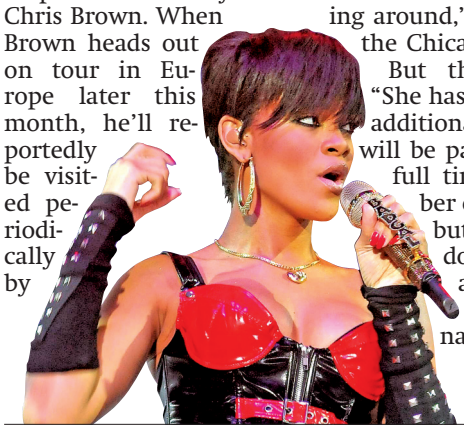
# Rihanna sends out spy

**RELATIONSHIP** Rihanna is apparently more than a little suspicious of boyfriend Chris Brown. When Brown heads out on tour in Europe later this month, he'll reportedly be visited periodically by a female private investigator hired by Rihanna "just to make sure he's not fooling around," a source told the Chicago Sun-Times.

But that's not all. "She has even hired an additional 'mole' who will be part of the tour full time ... a member of Chris' team, but someone he doesn't realize is also spying on him for Rihanna."



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# Wedding bells for Depp?

**MARRIAGE** Wedding bells may finally be ringing for Johnny Depp. The reclusive actor is said to be planning to marry his longtime girlfriend, Vanessa Paradis, in a private ceremony on the grounds of their $1.25 million US French estate, according to the National Enquirer.

"They're planning to marry in April," a source told the tabloid. "They want a really small wedding with only 50 family and close friends."

Depp and Paradis have been together for 10 years and have two children together, nine-year-old Lily Rose and six-year-old Jack.

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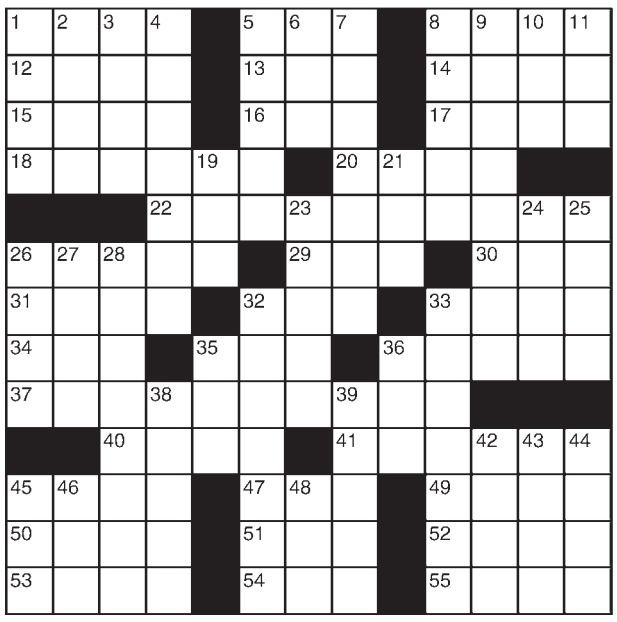

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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## Crossword across

1 Give the axe to
5 Prompt
8 Surrounded by
12 Jamaican citrus
13 Venomous viper
14 Arp's style
15 Handle roughly
16 Long March leader
17 Exile
18 Threatening term
20 Siestas
22 Yogi Bear's home park
26 Winter warmer
29 Type squares
30 Bagel topper
31 Partner in crime
32 More, to Manuel
33 Father (Fr.)
34 Ms. Farrow
35 Insult (Sl.)
36 Metric measure
37 Comedian
Paula
40 Morse morsels
41 Bandleader Cugat
45 Eastern bigwig
47 Bill
49 Part of A.D.
50 Lummox
51 Swelled head
52 — Rhythm
53 Go angling
54 Dog's dog
55 Whip

## Crossword down

1 Wrestling style
2 Culture medium
3 Hint
4 Party pooper
5 Ship of the desert
6 N.A. nation
7 People things are named for
8 Take as one's own
9 They're roomy and gloomy
10 Picks out of a lineup
11 Gram. case
19 Wet expanse
21 Foolish sort
23 Minimum
24 Standard
25 Former partners
26 Overly theatrical
27 Hodgepodge
28 Robert Graves subject
32 Faux pas
33 Triumph
35 Banned bug spray
36 CSI evidence
38 Bridge player
39 U-shaped yoke holder
42 Young Frankenstein role
43 Grandson of Eve
44 Portnoy's Complaint author
45 Sprite
46 Miss Piggy's pronoun
48 Palindromic title

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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21-25 min .....Not bad
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## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Lamb Chops Provençale

**INGREDIENTS:**
4–6 medium floury potatoes
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
2 medium onions
2 cloves garlic
8 lamb chops, about 3 1/2 oz (100g) each
4 sprigs fresh rosemary
1/2 lb (250 g) Italian or cherry tomatoes
3/4 cup (175 ml) lamb or chicken stock
1 can (19 oz/540 ml) cannellini beans
Celery salt
4 tbsp (60 ml) milk

**METHOD:**
1. Bring large saucepan of water to boil. Peel and dice potatoes and add to boiling water with some salt. Reduce heat, cover pan and cook gently 15–20 minutes, or until tender.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in large frying pan or flameproof casserole. Halve, peel and slice onions and add to the pan. Peel garlic and crush in. Fry over fairly high heat until onion has softened and is well browned, then transfer to plate and set aside.
3. Add chops to pan and fry over moderately high heat for 2–3 minutes per side, or until lightly browned.
4. While chops are cooking, rinse rosemary and strip leaves from stems. Rinse and roughly chop tomatoes.
5. Return half of onions and garlic that you set aside to lamb in pan. Add chopped tomatoes, stock and rosemary, then increase heat to high.
6. Drain cannellini beans and add to pan with celery salt and black pepper to taste. Bring to boil then simmer, uncovered, for 8–10 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, drain potatoes, mash with milk, then stir in remaining fried onion and garlic. Add a few extra chopped rosemary leaves to potatoes if you like. Season to taste and serve with lamb.

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Cheer up an unreliable friend whose feelings are hurt. A naive person is attractive; but you can resist. Nature has a strange impact.

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
Don't believe a coward's promises. An insightful and shocking opinion will affect a project. A man will render a compromise ineffective.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
A hard-working woman is disgruntled. An eager man will take a step forward. Don't complain too hard about a pointless delay.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
A relative tells the truth about the family. A pleasant enemy takes flight. Listen politely to a man's wild ideas.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Say goodbye to a guy with a hidden agenda. A nasty job is the path to bliss. Daydreams are an absolutely delightful time-waster.

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
A control freak wants to scavenge stuff. Someone will have to keep a promise and like it. The countdown begins for getting yourself on track.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
Find a public meeting and take action. Be cautious but not fearful. Nostalgia is growing for the good old summertime.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Functional devices are handy in a sticky situation. Don't get too excited by a brilliant idea. You've been handling too much on your own.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
Don't take any unnecessary risks when travelling. Avoid confiding in a difficult person. You'll be glad to know that a rascal is around.

**CAPRICORN**
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
People will suspect that you're daydreaming. Request help with an unfamiliar issue. A stroke of luck will expose someone.

**AQUARIUS**
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
Depend on an elder to make the right moves. Refuse to be pinned down if a debate turns sour. Attention is focused on your appearance.

**PISCES**
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
Romantic moments are postponed. Don't overplay your hand with a pompous expert. Call somebody to brighten their day.

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